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Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure

I. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 3 of draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.15, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to submit the following reports for its consideration at the first part of its resumed sixty-first session:

(a) Revised terms of reference for the Independent Audit Advisory Committee;

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(b) Strengthening of the Office of Internal Oversight Services.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to submit the following reports for its consideration at the second part of its resumed sixty-first session if possible, but not later than by the end of its sixty-first session:

(a) Enterprise risk management and internal control framework;

(b) Results-based management;

(c) Accountability framework.

II. Relationship of the request to the programme of work

3. The activities to be carried out relate to programme 24, Management and support services, of the biennial programme plan for the period 2006-2007 (A/59/6/Rev.1) and section 28A, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 (see A/60/6 (sect. 28A) and A/60/537).

4. In order to reflect the recommendations, the programme of work under section 28A of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 would be modified as follows:

(a) In subparagraph 28A.19 (a) (ii), after the words "Parliamentary documentation", the words "approximately 20 reports" would be revised to read "approximately 25 reports";

(b) At the end of the subparagraph, the following outputs would be added: "reports of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at the first part of its resumed sixty-first session: revised terms of reference for the Independent Audit Advisory Committee (1); and strengthening of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (1); reports of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed sixty-first session: enterprise risk management and internal control framework (1); results-based management (1); and accountability framework (1)".

III. Additional requirements

5. The reports requested under paragraph 3 of the draft resolution would not entail additional resources.

6. In order to comprehensively address the subject areas contained in the request for reports listed in paragraph 4, it is anticipated that in-house expertise would need to be significantly augmented by, inter alia, expertise from within the United Nations system, the United Nations Chief Executives Board for Coordination machinery and consultancy, for the provision of appropriate technical advice and guidance on best practice. Accordingly, the resource requirements related to the studies are estimated to amount to $1,316,200 gross ($1,206,300 net), as follows:

(United States dollars)

Section 28A, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management	756 200
Section 28D, Office of Central Support Services	450 100
Section 35, Staff assessment	109 900
Gross requirement	**1 316 200**
Less: income from staff assessment	(109 900)
Net requirement	**1 206 300**

7. No provision has been made under the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 in relation to the three reports requested in paragraph 4 of draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.15.

8. To the greatest extent possible, the Secretariat would intend to accommodate the requirements for the studies from within the appropriations under section 28A, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management, and section 28D, Office of Central Support Services, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 and to report any additional requirements, if necessary, in the context of the second performance report for the biennium 2006-2007.

IV. Summary

9. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.15:**

(a) **The activities listed in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the draft resolution would be added to the programme of work approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 60/246 under section 28, Management and support services;**

(b) **The activities requested under the draft resolution would give rise to additional estimated requirements of $1,316,200 gross ($1,206,300 net) for the biennium 2006-2007, of which $756,200 would arise under section 28A, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management, $450,100 under section 28D, Office of Central Support Services, and $109,900 under section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under Income section 1, income from staff assessment. The Secretariat would intend to accommodate those requirements to the greatest extent possible from within the appropriations under sections 28A and 28D of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 and to report any additional requirements as may be necessary in the context of the second performance report for the biennium 2006-2007.**